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SUBJECT: IRAQI- IRANIAN RELATIONS

1. SWISS CHARGE TOLD ME MARCH 27 THAT IRAQIS HAD PROPOSED TO IRAN THROUGH SWISS THAT TWO COUNTRIES MAKE AN EXCHANGE OF ALL DETAINED CITIZENS OF EACH OTHER' S COUNTRY.

2. COMMENT: THIS PROPOSAL AND RELEASE OF HELICOPTER CREW, COMING AS THEY DO JUST NOW AFTER SADDAM HUSSEIN' S RETURN FROM MOSCOW, SUGGEST RUSSIANS MAY HAVE PUT SOME PRESSURE ON SADDAM HUSSEIN TO COOL DOWN CONFLICT.

3. RE TEHRAN PRESS REPORT OF IRAQI EXPULSION OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PAKISTANIS; HEAD OF IRANIAN INTSEC TOLD ME THERE HAVE BEEN NO EXPULSIONS. IRANIAN INTSEC HAD RECENTLY ISSUES TRANSIT VISAS TO TWO LARGE GROUPS OF PAKISTANIS. THEY WERE NOT EXPELLEES, BUT PERSONS RETURNING FROM THE HAJ. THEY HAD NO VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS BECAUSE THEIR PASSPORTS HAD BEEN REPORTEDLY SEIZED BY SAUDI AUTHORITIES ON GROUNDS THEY WERE FALSE. SWISS SAID IT PROBABLY TRUE SINCE IT WAS COMMON IN PAKISTAN FOR PEOPLE MAKING HAJ TO

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OBTAIN FALSE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AS PART OF VERY CHEAP HAJ
PACKAGE TOUR.
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